

JONES LAKE STATE PARK PARK PROFILE

PARK PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose statement for this park has not yet been developed.

PRIMARY INTERPRETIVE THEMES

Carolina Bay Ecology: The physical and biological characteristics of a Carolina bay will be studied through measurement and sampling.

Origin of Carolina Bays: Photographs, models, games and investigations will be used to test some of the 29 theories explaining the formation of Carolina bays.

Sandrim Ecology: Life on the coarse, white sand of a bay rim will be investigated.

STATISTICS

Visitation (1999)	99,982
Operating Budget (FY 98-99)	\$ 316,072
Revenue (FY 98-99)	\$ 21,178

VISITOR FACILITIES

Camping (20 sites, showers, no hookup)	Drinking water
Swimming area (lake) and bathhouse	Lake fishing
Picnic areas and shelters	2 Hiking trails (4.0 miles total)
Canoe and pedal boat rentals	

CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION NEEDS

1	The new concession/pier/office complex project will demolish the old boathouse and old concession building; construct a 6-table picnic shelter; construct a boathouse/concession/small office/first aid building; and provide office furniture, a play structure, canoe racks, exhibits and picnic tables.	\$2,520,842
2	The building renovations project will repair 9 park buildings including the barracks, 2 picnic shelters, pumphouse, 2 residences, storage buildings, washhouse and workshop.	86,824
3	The trail improvements project will improve 121,350 ft. of trail.	152,808
4	The dumpstation project will add a dumpstation to the existing campground, construct an access road, 3000 gallon septic system, plumbing, hydrants and waterline extension.	91,169

5	The warehouse project will demolish the existing warehouse building, extend water and electric lines, remove the water tank, convert the wellhouse to a flammable storage building, extend pavement, and construct a new 1700 sq. ft. warehouse.	278,795
TOTAL:		\$3,130,438

DEDICATED NATURE PRESERVE

Jones Lake Dedicated Nature Preserve: This 2,100 acre area amounts to 95% of the park's total area and includes Jones and Salters Lakes. Both of these large lakes are typical Carolina Bay lakes with shallow waters and a raised sand rim around their southeastern shores. This area contains excellent examples of the aquatic and shoreline communities typical of bay lakes. The shorelines vary from sand to peat, with baldcypress occurring at the water's edge. The portions of the bays not occupied by the lakes are filled with peat and contain a variety of pocosin communities. The land between the bays includes pocosins, low sandy flatwoods and high dry relict sand dunes with sandhill vegetation. The Natural Heritage Program has identified nine natural community types in this area: Low Pocosin; High Pocosin; Pond Pine Woodland; Peatland Atlantic White Cedar Forest; Bay Forest; Wet Pine Flatwoods; Natural Lake Shoreline; Pine/Scrub Oak Sandhill; and Xeric Sandhill Scrub.

FUTURE LAND ACQUISITION NEEDS

Several parcels of private property are still needed to properly manage Salters Lake Bay because the entire sand rim is not in State ownership. These parcels need to be added to land acquisition plans and then acquired. The park's current acreage is 2,208.

1999 STAFF POSITIONS

Permanent		Seasonal		Peak Load	
Park Superintendent II	1	Park Attendant	2	Park Attendant	1
Park Ranger II	1	Chief Lifeguard	1	Lifeguard	1
Park Ranger I	2	Lifeguard	4	Bathhouse Clerk	1
Maintenance Mechanic IV	1	Bathhouse Manager I	1	Office Assistant II	1
Maintenance Mechanic II	1	General Utility Worker	1		
Office Assistant III	1				

PROPOSED STAFF ADDITIONS

Permanent		Seasonal		Peak Load	
Park Ranger III	1	Bathhouse Clerk	1		
Maintenance Mechanic I	1				
Office Assistant III	1				